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My name is Betty Kjar and my husband and I have lived on Barge Road for 10 yrs in the Y -Community Council Area. Our home lies in the Sunshine Area of the Y Community Council .Over the past three yr.. we have been subjected to the continuous harassment of the Talkeetna Community Council trying to close down our road that has been our as well as other neighbors right a way to get to our properties at least 6 months of the yr. Let me just say that I am a 100% permanent and total disabled American Veteran that leaves to the hospital by ambulance as many as 4 times a yr. When we originally bought our property the village of Talkeetna's boundaries were at Birch Creek as it crosses into Fish Lake. During the Comprehensive Plan the Borough approved the boundaries up to Answer Creek and only 1 mile either side of the Spur Road. This would bring the boundary to Riven Road crossing Barge Road. Our Property is another mile in on Barge Road . For some reason Talkeetna has taken it upon their own to take another mile into this area bring their boundaries up to my west line of my property. The Community Council of Talkeetna has purposed a park for this area and has continuously tried to close down upper Barge Road so that this park could be installed without any road crossing it.

One of the petitioners is Jeff (and Debbie) Robinson. His property lies on this side of Riven toward my home. he was not even in the Talkeetna Community Council Area when he signed this petition. He has tried to upgrade his property by asking that the Talkeetna Community Council shut down Barge Road. He was the instigator in proposing that a PARK BE PUT INTO PLACE THERE. Almost every petitioner has a special interest in the parks and trails that they have purposed.

My area is strong Ag. land. Farms that are anywhere from 400-650 acres. Most use South Birch Road. There has been numerous fires where helicopters and planes and firefighters with flame retardant have been brought in to put these out. The people of my area have fought a hard fight to keep Talkeetna Community Council from succeeding in

closing upper Barge Road . If there ever was a major fire in our area we abut up against 300 miles of forest all the way to Glen allen Area and we would not be able evacuate the area successively and our families and homes would be in grave danger. Upper barge Road is shut down throughout the winter because the borough refuses to maintain it. It is a five mile trip out for all of the families in this area to reach the Spur. Five bad miles that at times require 4 wheel drive whereas Barge Road access is only 2 miles out.

No other roads except Barge and South Birch Road has been effected by Talkeetna Communities Councils relentless pressuring . This a broken road system that the Borough and Talkeetna Community Council has created to get their way I oppose this incorporation because of this type of tactics.

Talkeetna has tried to put their name on the Sunshine FireHall to show that they provide the fire service. They have also refused even though Sunshine has their own ambulance to allow it to be run so that they might say that they supply the ambulance service.

These type of tactics I strongly disapprove of and if this is the meaning to home rule then I say let the Borough or State rule me and my neighbors. This is nothing more than 50 special interest people that have CONGREGATED TOGETHER to rule the majority of the people. Their interest lies not with peace and harmony of the community but their own on their properties and purposes.

I ask that petition to incorporate the Village of Talkeetna be disapproved and put to bed.

Sincerely,

Betty L. Safford-Kjar

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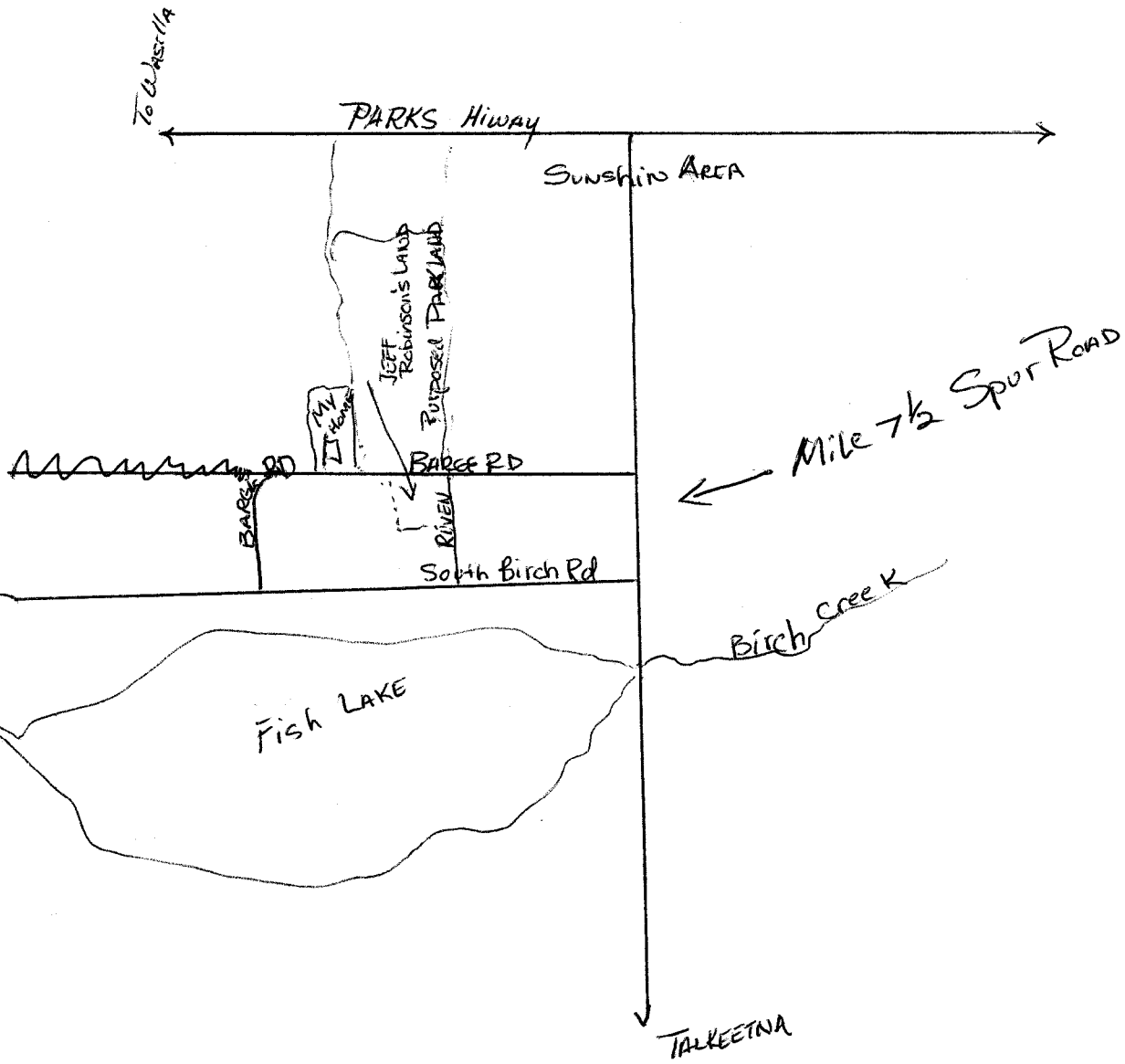
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